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**CONCORDIA HONOURS STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Concordia University capped off another banner year today with their annual awards banquet. Over 250 athletes from 13 interuniversity teams were honoured as the 1990-91 season officially came to an end.

Although Concordia was shut out for national championships they achieved unparalleled success with 12 of 13 teams qualifying for league or national playoffs. In all, 32 Concordia student-athletes received all-star awards while another 10 were selected to CIAU All-Canadian teams and 5 were named most valuable player in their respective leagues.

**Nick Arvanitis**, a first team All-Canadian for the men's basketball team and **Laura Leslie**, Concordia's all-time leading scorer in women's hockey, were named **Male and Female Athletes of the Year** respectively.

In his final year of eligibility the second year graduate student led the Stingers to their third consecutive league title averaging 20 points and 7 rebounds a game, earning him the MVP selection for the OUAA East.

Laura's prolific scoring ability and all-round play led Concordia to their third consecutive Quebec Women's Intercollegiate Hockey League championship this year. Laura led the league in scoring with 37 goals and now has a three year total of 291 points. During her three years with the Stingers, the team has amassed an incredible 44-1 league mark. The third year Exercise Science student has served as a student therapist for the Concordia football team and was selected to officiate at the 1991 Canadian Winter Games in P.E.I.

**Sharon Sandy** and **Jean-François Joyal** were selected as the school's **Rookie Athletes of the Year**.

Sharon had an outstanding freshman year as witnessed by her selection as the league's Rookie of the Year as well as being named to the CIAU All-Canadian rookie squad. The Leisure Studies major averaged 10.8 points and 3 rebounds a game.

Jean-François was selected as the league's top freshman player and was named the Ontario-Quebec Interuniversity Football Conference nominee for the Peter Gorman Trophy. The Political Science student led the Concordia receivers with 30 receptions for a 13.4 average and three touchdowns.

The **Academic Athlete of the Year**, presented to the male and female student-athletes with the highest academic averages, went to football offensive lineman **Steven Siciliano** and 3rd year hockey team member **Patty Arnold**.

**Stefani Desmarais**, a three-year veteran of the volleyball team, received the **Denise Beaudet Award**, honouring the graduating female athlete who has over the course of her career shown outstanding leadership and dedication to Concordia Athletics. The Commerce major became the first Stinger to be named as a league all-star this year as she led Concordia to a playoff berth.

**Merit Awards** were presented to **Stéphane Chapados** (Football), **Julie Klotz** (Alpine Skiing), **Paul McBride** (Rugby), **Ernie Rosa** (Basketball) and **Mike Rinaldi** (Intramurals) while the **Manager of the Year** award went for the second consecutive season to **Scott White** for his work with the football team.